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It is respectfully requested that these references be considered and made of record in the present application. The action requested with respect to these ISR references is in accordance with the following provision of §1893.03(g) of the

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As indicated on the attached copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/903, copies of the ISR and references cited therein are present in the file of this application.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the consideration of this request, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to the account of the undersigned attorneys, Deposit Account No. 04-1406. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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	B6	WO 98/41855 A	WO	09-24-1998	Janusz B. Pawliszyn
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## OTHER PRIOR ART - NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS

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